

REMARKS

The invention is patentable over Burnside '322, '077, and '619 as well as LeStrange '079, and Kotoyori '876 as the invention is not obvious to one of ordinary skill in view of the above citations. While not disclosing most aspects of the invention disclosed herein, Burnside discloses a scoring circuit, score control mechanism and multiplier which registers the proper scoring of an individuals success in play of the Burnside invention. Burnside does disclose drawings and mechanical inventions that are similar to existing bingo devices of a nature that may be similar in appearance to the existing devices to which enhances disclosed herein would be utilized. Additionally, Burnside is not designed to reward individuals with any form of reward for play of a device in any manner other than achieving a relative score.

Likewise, disclosures in Kotoyori '876 and LeStrange '079 are enhancements to then existing concepts and inventions that do not include specifications similar in nature to the invention. While LeStrange '079 discloses a metering scheme to track various monetary inputs, plays, wins, replays, and losses, LeStrange '079 does not disclose or envision concepts described herein whereby individuals using the invention described herein would be permitted to not simply distinguish between monetary inputs and rewards to individuals playing a device, but to separate the credits inserted through monetary input from credits issued to an individual player as a reward for successful play of a device. Pursuant to the disclosures made herein, not envisioned by prior art, the individual play of a device may limited to either activation by monetary insertion for credit input or via prior credits "won" by individual play of a device. LeStrange '079 simply envisions a scheme for accounting meters and mechanisms, not for options for use of credits inserted and credits "won".

At Examiner request, Applicant points to an additional microprocessor and separation of credits introduced by monetary input device contained in the original disclosure by Applicant under the Detailed Description Of The Invention: The Program.

MACHINE

A machine has been adapted to accommodate electro mechanical flippers that players may use to alter the course of the balls on the playfield of a game. The flipper is mounted in the existing playfield of a machine and powered by a separate power supply, with the engagement button being installed at the upper, front, right side of the body of a machine. Additionally, the cabinet of a machine has been altered to include a metal cabinet, mounted to the front of the floor, next to the main door, to house the dollar bill acceptor as well as the printer or ticket dispenser, which have both been wired into the hardware and harness. (See Figure #5)

DISPLAY

The “back glass” of a machine has been altered to reflect the two (2) versions of Program, with a first version having “paid credits” and “won credits” while a second version has only “credits”.

DRAWINGS

None required.

Figure #1 is a diagrammatic illustration of the game processor with the additional external processor used in a game apparatus. (Withdrawn)

Figure #2 is a block diagram of an external processor used in a game apparatus. (Withdrawn)

Figure #3 is a flow diagram illustrating a process present in a first version of a program as submitted. (Withdrawn)

Figure #4 is a flow diagram illustrating a process present in a second version of the program submitted. (Withdrawn)

Figure #5 is a diagram illustrating the layout of the physical component of the standalone, non-integrated electronic redemption bingo machine. (Withdrawn)

SEQUENCE LISTING

None Required.